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| In re Patent No. 5,623,978 | : |                                |
| Issue Date: April 29, 1997 | : |                                |
| Application No. 08/688,692 | : | DECISION ON REQUEST FOR REFUND |
| Filed: July 29, 1996       | : |                                |
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This is a decision on the Request For Refund filed October 5, 2012.

The request is **GRANTED**.

Applicant filed the above request for refund and states that "Due to the business economy and other factors we have decided not to pursue the late payment maintenance fee request...."

In view of the Office finance records and the above, a total of \$2,215.00 is being refunded by check as it is the method in which the fee was paid.

Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

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